GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN TRAINS RAILWAY PREMISES
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a): whether the Government has convened a coordination meeting with State police officials, RPF and other officials for an adequate security arrangement in trains and railway premises;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof and the action taken/to be taken on the outcome of the meeting;

(c) whether the railway premises, Railway quarters have been encroached by the outsiders;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Zone-wise; and

(e) the steps taken by the Government to prevent encroachments and ensuring security to the Railway users ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R.VELU)

(a): Yes, Sir

(b): To provide better security to passengers travelling by trains and in the passenger areas coordination meetings are held with State Police periodically. The results of the meetings between GRP (Government Railway Police) Chiefs and RPF (Railway Protection Force) Chiefs are very encouraging. Such meetings are held regularly both on Zonal Railways as well as Board`s levels.

(c) to (e): Yes, Sir. Indian Railways have more than 7 lakh staff quarters and large number of service buildings. Quarters are allotted to railway employees only. For subletting of staff quarters, concerned railway employees are taken up under Railway Servants (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 1968. Data for such cases are not maintained at apex level. Regarding encroachments on land, about 2240 hectare of railway land is under encroachment which is 0.47 % of total land holding on Railways. Railway is engaged in continuous exercise to prevent/remove encroachments and unauthorised occupation of quarters, etc. as per provisions of Railways Act and Public Premises Eviction Act.